

Service Area Plan

Department of Social Services

Community Action Grants (49201)

Service Area Background Information

Service Area Description

This service area provides core funding for Virginia's network of community action agencies and statewide community action organizations. This network provides a wide variety of services designed to ameliorate the effects of poverty and build self-sufficient families and communities. The Department contractually distributes all of these funds to the local community action agencies and statewide organizations. This service area also includes \$637,500 in federal TANF funds for five Center for Employment Training (CET) programs.

Service Area Alignment to Mission

This service area supports the mission of the Department by providing resources to the community action network that results in direct services to low-income individuals, families and communities. Community action services enhance the independence, well-being and personal responsibility of these customers (i.e. Goal 1).

Service Area Statutory Authority

This service area operates in compliance with the following federal and state statutes:

The Community Opportunity, Accountability, and Training and Educational Services Act of 1998, Public Law 105-285

The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (TANF) - Title IV-A of the Social Security Act

The Community Action Act, §§ 2.2-5400 et seq.

Service Area Customer Base

Customer(s)	Served	Potential
Low income individuals and families (potential unlimited)	120,000	0

Anticipated Changes In Service Area Customer Base

Changes to the customer base may be influenced by economic factors beyond the Department's control.

Service Area Partners

Community Action Agencies

Local Departments of Social Services

State Agencies

Service Area Products and Services

- Support of organizations serving communities
- Services to promote family stability
- Services to protect vulnerable adults
- Economic assistance to low income families/individuals or nutrition, child care, health care eligibility, and financial assistance to low income families/individuals
- Services that promote sufficiency
- Community and economic development projects
- Educational services (e.g. Head Start)
- Housing construction, rehabilitation and weatherization services

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Factors Impacting Service Area Products and Services

Factors impacting products and services include the amount of funds appropriated by the federal and state government to operate community based programs as well as changes to other programs and funding sources that result in an increase or decrease in the need for community based programs.

Anticipated Changes To Service Area Products and Service

The federal Administration and Congress are exploring changes in the current funding stream for CSBG as well as other federal grants including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Changes in these funding streams would have a major impact on a number of community based programs. Congress is also working on reauthorizing CSBG. When CSBG is reauthorized major changes to the program may occur.

Service Area Financial Summary

Funding for Community Action Grants comes from general funds (9.4%) and federal funds (90.6%). The federal funds come from primarily two sources including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds.

	<u>Fiscal Year 2007</u>		<u>Fiscal Year 2008</u>	
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund
Base Budget	\$1,750,000	\$16,804,282	\$1,750,000	\$16,804,282
Changes To Base	\$514,786	\$0	\$514,786	\$0
SERVICE AREA TOTAL	\$2,264,786	\$16,804,282	\$2,264,786	\$16,804,282

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Service Area Objectives, Measures, and Strategies

Objective 49201.01

Provide services to low-income individuals, families and communities designed to ameliorate the effects of poverty and support self-sufficiency and independence

The community action network designs and administers services and programs targeted to address the specific needs of the low-income population in their service area. A wide variety of programs are provided including childcare, educational services, emergency assistance including services to the homeless and victims of domestic violence, employment services, ex-offender services, financial counseling and asset development, housing development and preservation, transportation services, water/waste water projects, youth services and community and economic development projects.

This Objective Supports the Following Agency Goals:

- Enhance the independence, well-being and personal responsibility of customers
(Community action services enhance the independence, well-being and personal responsibility of these customers (i.e. Goal 1). It also aligns with Council on Virginia's Future Long Term Objective 5, Inspire and support Virginians toward healthy lives and strong and resilient families.)

This Objective Has The Following Measure(s):

- **Measure 49201.01.01**

Individuals served by Community Action Agencies

Measure Type: Output **Measure Frequency:** Annually

Measure Baseline: New measure, baseline data not available. Baseline will be established using FY06 data.

Measure Target: Specific target will be determined once baseline is established. (Projected to be: 120,000)

Measure Source and Calculation:

Annual reports from agencies will be aggregated to give a network wide total.

- **Measure 49201.01.02**

Total non-Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) resources generated by community action agencies

Measure Type: Outcome **Measure Frequency:** Annually

Measure Baseline: New measure, baseline data not available. Baseline will be established using FY06 data.

Measure Target: Specific target will be determined once baseline is established. (Projected to be: \$120,000,000 in total non-CSBG resources.)

Measure Source and Calculation:

Annual reports from agencies will be aggregated to give a network wide total.

Objective 49201.01 Has the Following Strategies:

- Obtain and review detailed workplans from each agency.
- Obtain quarterly status report and take corrective action as needed.
- Obtain detailed annual report that includes clients served and outcomes achieved.